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6.2.1            Composition of IMEI

The International Mobile station Equipment Identity (IMEI) is composed as shown in figure 10.

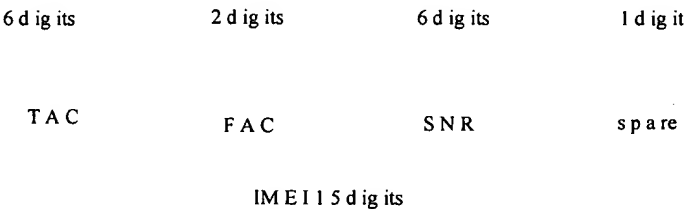


Figure 10: Structure of IMEI

The IMEI is composed of the following elements (each element shall consist of decimal digits only):

- Type Approval Code (TAC). Its length is 6 digits;
- Final Assembly Code (FAC) identifies the place of manufacture/final assembly. Its length is 2 digits;
- Serial Number (SNR) is an individual serial number uniquely identifying each equipment within each TAC and FAC. Its length is 6 digits;
- Spare digit: this digit shall be zero, when transmitted by the MS.

The IMEI (14 digits) is complemented by a check digit. The check digit is not part of the digits transmitted at IMEI check occasions, as described below. The Check Digit shall avoid manual transmission errors, e.g. when customers register stolen MEs at the operators customer care desk. The Check Digit is defined according to the **Luhn formula**, as defined in annex B.

NOTE: The Check Digit is not applied to the Software Version Number.

The security requirements of the IMEI are defined in 3G TS 22.016.

\*\*\*\*\* NEXT MODIFICATION \*\*\*\*\*

Annex B (Continued)

**Annex B (normative):****IMEI Check Digit computation****B.1 Representation of IMEI**

The International Mobile station Equipment Identity and Software Version Number (IMEISV), as defined in TS 23.003, is a 16 digit decimal number composed of four distinct elements:

- a 6 digit Type Approval Code (TAC);
- a 2 digit Final Assembly Code (FAC);
- a 6 digit Serial Number (SNR); and
- a 2 digit Software Version Number (SVN).

The IMEISV is formed by concatenating these four elements as illustrated below:

TAC	FAC	SNR	SVN
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**Figure A.1: Composition of the IMEISV**

The IMEI is complemented by a check digit as defined in section 3. The Luhn Check Digit (CD) is computed on the 14 most significant digits of the IMEISV, that is on the value obtained by ignoring the SVN digits.

The method for computing the Luhn check is defined in Annex B of the International Standard "Identification cards - Numbering system and registration procedure for issuer identifiers" (ISO/IEC 7812) [3].

In order to specify precisely how the CD is computed for the IMEI, it is necessary to label the individual digits of the IMEISV, excluding the SVN. This is done as follows:

The (14 most significant) digits of the IMEISV are labelled D14 D13 ... D1, where:

- TAC = D14 D13 ... D9 (with D9 the least significant digit of TAC);
- FAC = D8 D7 (with D7 the least significant digit of FAC); and
- SNR = D6 D5 ... D1 (with D1 the least significant digit of SNR).

**B.2 Computation of CD for an IMEI**

Computation of CD from the IMEI proceeds as follows:

Step 1: Double the values of the odd labelled digits D1, D3, D5 ... D13 of the IMEI.

Step 2: Add together the individual digits of all the seven numbers obtained in Step 1, and then add this sum to the sum of all the even labelled digits D2, D4, D6 ... D14 of the IMEI.

Step 3: If the number obtained in Step 2 ends in 0, then set CD to be 0. If the number obtained in Step 2 does not end in 0, then set CD to be that number subtracted from the next higher number which does end in 0.

B.3 Example of computation

IMEI (14 most significant digits):

TAC						FAC		SNR					
D14	D13	D12	D11	D10	D9	D8	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1
2	6	0	5	3	1	7	9	3	1	1	3	8	3

Step 1:

2	6	0	5	3	1	7	9	3	1	1	3	8	3
x2	x2	x2				x2		x2	x2	x2			
12	10	2				18		26	6				

Step 2:

$2 + 1 + 2 + 0 + 1 + 0 + 3 + 2 + 7 + 1 + 8 + 3 + 2 + 1 + 6 + 8 + 6 = 53$

Step 3:

$CD = 60 - 53 = 7$



Annex B C (informative):  
Change history

**TSG-RAN Meeting #7**  
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(R3-001649, copy TSG-RAN) Response to LS (S1) on Hexadecimal IMEI format

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R3 has approved the change request (attached Tdoc R3-001513) of the RANAP IMEI coding to hexadecimal from present TBCD coding for R99. R3 would like to ask S1 to find out if this change would be appropriate already for R99 with other relevant WG's and co-ordinate the changes between those WG's.

R3 would also like to S1 to inform R3 and TSG RAN if this change is appropriate already for R99 or should this change be scheduled for R00.

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Change of the RANAP IMEI coding to hexadecimal from present TBCD

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### Reason for change:

The current IMEI message structure is proposed to be changed to allow use of hexadecimal coding in addition of current BCD. The change is proposed in 3GPP TSG-CN, TSG-S, TSG-T and TSG-R to allow 16.7 million mobile terminals to be produced with one Type Approval Code. The current restriction for one million units per TAC is already a problem in the GSM terminal manufacturing and can only be predicted to worsen in the future. Change to use hexadecimal coding is most simple since it does not affect to existing message lengths in GSM air interface and network interfaces. In case of RAN WG3, the change is only required to the CN Invoke Trace message information element 'UE Identity', IMEI is used for those UE's that have active emergency call without or with a defective USIM module. The change does not affect to message/information element length since BCD (actually TBCD in ASN.1 definition) and hexadecimal digit coding consume equal amount of bits. In the TS25.413 lu interface RANAP protocol (and generally in MAP protocol), the only issue is to not use any 'sanity' check for this information element and allow all 4-bit binary values for all 15 digits of IMEI. The old IMEI coding in GSM system is fully backwards compatible with the changed coding for the message interface. (Depending on CN implementation it may be necessary to change the IMEI database control software. Note that in the MAP protocol the TBCD coding has been used for IMEI – in practise currently the coding is BCD, since IMEI is not using any of the special TBCD values ['\*' = 1010, '#' = 1011, 'a' = 1100, 'b' = 1101, 'c' = 1110]) The TBCD coding in MAP/RANAP for IMEI is technically only ruling out the use of code 'F' for the IMEI digits, this highlights further how small change in the

message interface we are actually discussing.

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This element identifies the element to be traced i.e. the subscriber or the user equipment.

IE/Group Name	Presence	Range	IE type and reference	Semantics description
Choice UE Identity				
>IMSI			OCTET STRING (SIZE (3..8))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- digits 0 to 9, two digits per octet,</li> <li>- each digit encoded 0000 to 1001,</li> <li>- 1111 used as filler</li> <li>- bit 4 to 1 of octet n encoding digit 2n-1</li> <li>- bit 8 to 5 of octet n encoding digit 2n</li> </ul> <p>-Number of decimal digits shall be from 6 to 15 starting with the digits from the PLMN-ID.</p>
>IMEI			OCTET STRING (SIZE (8))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>hexadecimal</u> digits 0 to <u>F9</u>, two <u>hexadecimal</u> digits per octet,</li> <li>- each <u>hexadecimal</u> digit encoded 0000 to 111001,</li> <li>- 1111 used as filler <u>for bits 8 to 5 of last octet</u></li> <li>- bit 4 to 1 of octet n encoding digit 2n-1</li> <li>- bit 8 to 5 of octet n encoding digit 2n</li> </ul> <p>Number of <u>hexadecimal</u> digits shall be 15.</p>

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NEXT MODIFIED SECTION

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### 9.3.4 Information Element Definitions

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| IMEI ::= ~~TBCD~~OCTET STRING (SIZE (8))  
-- Reference: 23.003

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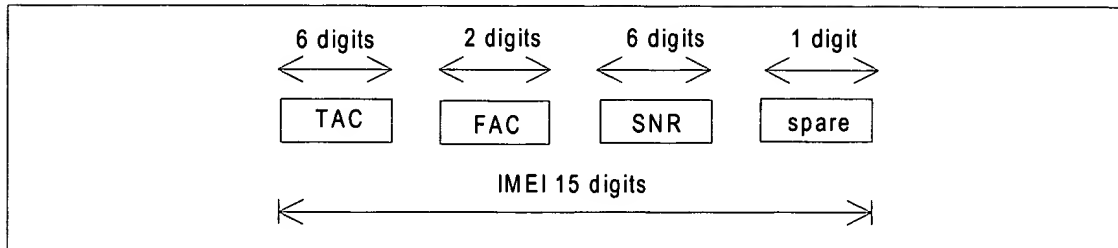
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### 6.2.1 Composition of IMEI

The International Mobile station Equipment Identity (IMEI) is composed as shown in figure 10.



**Figure 10: Structure of IMEI**

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**NOTE:** The Check Digit is not applied to the Software Version Number.

The security requirements of the IMEI are defined in 3G TS 22.016.

## Annex B (normative): IMEI Check Digit computation

### B.1 Representation of IMEI

The International Mobile station Equipment Identity and Software Version Number (IMEISV), as defined in TS 23.003, is a 16 digit decimal number composed of four distinct elements:

- a 6 digit Type Approval Code (TAC);
- a 2 digit Final Assembly Code (FAC);
- a 6 digit Serial Number (SNR); and
- a 2 digit Software Version Number (SVN).

The IMEISV is formed by concatenating these four elements as illustrated below:

TAC	FAC	SNR	SVN
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**Figure A.1: Composition of the IMEISV**

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## B.3 Example of computation

IMEI (14 most significant digits):

TAC						FAC		SNR					
D14	D13	D12	D11	D10	D9	D8	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1
2	6	0	5	3	1	7	9	3	1	1	3	8	3

**Step 1:**

2	6	0	5	3	1	7	9	3	1	1	3	8	3
x2		x2		x2		x2		x2		x2		x2	
12		10		2		18		2		6		6	

**Step 2:**

$$2 + 1 + 2 + 0 + 1 + 0 + 3 + 2 + 7 + 1 + 8 + 3 + 2 + 1 + 6 + 8 + 6 = 53$$

**Step 3:**

$$CD = 60 - 53 = 7$$

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Peking, China, April 10-15, 2000

Source: Nokia

Title: Proposal to modify IMEI format

## Background

The current IMEI format is structured in the following way:

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- o Serial Number: 6 digits
- o Check digit

These digits have been presented in BCD format. New Type Approval Codes have been issued with a 6 BCD digits Serial Number set (1Million units) is not sufficient any more. This format has served well and no problems have been envisaged as far as an unambiguous terminal coding for GSM is concerned. However, the introduction of the IMEI into 3G mobile terminal identification changes the situation as soon as a great variety of products manufactured in larger volumes will flow to market place. Nevertheless, any modification in the IMEI coding must not jeopardize smooth migration from one mobile generation to the next one.

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Given the strong reliance on the interoperability with legacy products no change to IMEI length or structure is considered feasible. In contrast, the coding format of the Serial Number is proposed to be modified.

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16.7 Million units manufactured with one Type Approval Code.

- TAC would set a trigger for interpretation ( Network would identify from which TAC number onwards a serial number would be interpreted as binary presentation)

This proposal will require modifications to network management system for both installed and new (GSM and 3G). But no modifications to existing Rel '99 signalling is foreseen.

Change of coding is proposed for release 2000. However, change should be considered already for release 1999 in order to allow new IME coding in all 3G terminals.

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Date: 10/4/00

Subject: IMEI coding

Work item:

Category: F Correction

Release: Phase 2

A Corresponds to a correction in an earlier  
release

Release 96

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B Addition of feature

Release 97

C Functional modification of feature

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Reason for change: Change of IMEI coding from decimal format to hexadecimal.

Clauses affected: Annex A:

Other specs affected:	Other 3G core specifications	→ List of CRs:
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The IMEISV is formed by concatenating these four elements as illustrated below:



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IMEI (14 most significant digits):

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x2	x2	x2				x2		x2	x2	x2			
C	A	2				12		10	6	6			

Step 2:

$$2 + C + 0 + A + 3 + 2 + 7 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 1 + 0 + D + 6 + E + 6 = 52$$

Step 3:

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Source: **Nokia**

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Phase 2  
Release 96  
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Release 98  
Release 99  
Release 00

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### Reason for change:

Change of IMEI coding from decimal format to hexadecimal.

### Clauses affected:

Annex A:

### Other specs affected:

Other 3G core specifications  
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## A.3 Example of computation

IMEI (14 most significant digits):

TAC						FAC		SNR					
HD14	HD13	HD12	HD11	HD10	HD9	HD8	HD7	HD6	HD5	HD4	HD3	HD2	HD1
2	6	0	5	3	1	7	9	3	84	D4	3	E8	3

**Step 1:**

2	6	0	5	3	1	7	9	3	84	D4	3	E8	3
x2		x2		x2		x2		x2		x2		x2	
C42		A40		2		128		102		6		6	

**Step 2:**

$$2 + \underline{C4} + 2 + 0 + \underline{A4} + 0 + 3 + 2 + 7 + 1 + \underline{28} + 3 + \underline{102} + \underline{D4} + 6 + \underline{E8} + 6 = \underline{5253}$$

**Step 3:**

$$CD = 60 - \underline{523} = \underline{E7}$$